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SUBJECT: UN RECRUITMENT: UNEP POSITION

- 1. JOHN M. FLOWERS, ILO CHIEF OF COMMUNICATIONS, HAS INFORMED THE MISSION THAT HE HAS THE PROSPECT OF BEING RECRUITED UNDER A TWO-YEAR FIXED-TERM CONTRACT AS CHIEF OF UNEP'S NEW MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEM (MIS). FLOWERS RECENTLY WAS IN NAIROBI IN AN EXPERT CAPACITY TO CONSULT WITH UNEP ABOUT ITS MANAGEMENT/ORGANIZATIONAL PROBLEMS AND, WHILE THERE, WAS SOUNDED OUT BY THATCHER IN GENERAL TERMS ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF HIS ASSUMING THIS SORT OF POSITION. UPON HIS RETURN TO GENEVA UNEP REGIONAL OFFICE HEAD KARLSTROM PURSUED THIS WITH FLOWERS AND APPARENTLY HAS PROPOSED TO NAIROBI THAT HE BE RECRUITED FOR THE NEW POSITION AT THE P-5 LEVEL.
- 2. FLOWERS IS EXTREMELY INTERESTED AND HAS ASKED FOR OUR SUPPORT. WHILE HE HAS BEEN INFORMED BY HIS SUPERIORS AT ILO THAT HIS OWN PRESENT POSITION IS NOT IN JEOPARDY DUE TO THE REDUCTION IN FORCE NECESSITATED BY THE US WITHDRAWAL FROM ILO, HE HAS CONCLUDED NEVERTHELESS THAT HIS LONG-TERM CAREER OPPORTUNITIES IN ILO DEFINITELY HAVE VANISHED WITH THE US WITHDRAWAL AND HE HAS MADE UP HIS MIND FIRMLY TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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3. DURING HIS NINE YEARS WITH ILO FLOWERS HAS DEVELOPED A GOOD REPUTATION AS A SOLID AND IMAGINATIVE ADMINISTRATOR AND IS WELL KNOWN TO THE MISSION. WE UNDERSTAND HE HAS CONSULTED FAIRLY RECENTLY IN WASHINGTON WITH IO/EX/IR. MISSION IS NOT IN A POSITION TO KNOW WHAT OTHER CANDID-

ACIES OR CONSIDERATIONS THERE MAY BE WITH RESPECT TO THIS NEW UNEP POSITION, BUT, OTHER THINGS BEING EQUAL, WOULD SUGGEST THAT A SERIOUS EFFORT BE MADE TO ASSIST FLOWERS IN OBTAINING IT.

4. COPIES OF FLOWERS' CURRICULUM VITAE ARE BEING POUCHED TO ADDRESSEES. VANDEN HEUVEL

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